IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Minxue Zheng et al. Confirmation No. 9085

Serial Number: 10/667,191 Group Art Unit: 1637

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Title: DUAL-PURPOSE PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED

HYBRIDIZATION ASSYS BY DISRUPTION OF SECONDARY STRUCTURE

FORMATION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2010, please reconsider this application in view of the response set forth in this paper. As this paper is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response, no extension fee accompanies this paper.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The listing of the claims is set forth on pages 2 to 7 of this paper.

REMARKS:

Applicants' remarks in support of this application are set forth on pages 8 to 21 of this paper.